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## MONTANA LABOR MARKET

Monthly Review of  
EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK, LABOR SUPPLY, LABOR DEMAND, CURRENT EMPLOYMENTMONTANA STATE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE  
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Seasonal Employment  
Decline Less Than In  
Former Years

Number of non-farm wage earners on October payrolls of Montana employers was estimated at 168,200 at mid month according to figures compiled by the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with the Unemployment Compensation Commission. The current figure is down 2,600 from September's adjusted estimate of 170,800 but not with the force of previous years when the September-October decline was much higher: 5,200 in 1957; 3,300 in 1956 and 3,900 in 1955.

## Total Civilian Working Force

Although a sample survey of the population provides the only comprehensive measure of the entire labor force, both employed and unemployed, the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics working with a sample formula recommended by the U. S. Bureau of Employment Security estimated Montana's total civilian labor force at 270,000 at mid-September. Breakdown of the figure follows:

Total Employment.....	257,400
Non-agricultural .....	192,300
Agricultural .....	65,100
Unemployment .....	12,600

## Metal Mining—the Forward Look?

Prospects in metal mining started to show improvement during October as approximately 600 workers were recalled to employment around and under the hills of Butte, with the majority of the miners channeled to zinc mining operations closed the past several months. Copper, lead and zinc, responding to a series of price rises, more lively demand, import quotas and strikes abroad brought about increased production and employment at the mines. The new signs brought Butte only to the edge of optimism. There will have to be more before the mining city can even match the greatness of her past.

## Three Industries Gain

Manufacturing showed a sizeable gain over September compilations as employment in food and kindred products went up 1,000 as the four sugar refineries in the State were staffed for the season runs. This carried total manufacturing employment totals 500 over the previous month, 100 higher than last year. All mining was up 100 from September, showing its first monthly gain since February, 1957. There were 1,800 more workers engaged in contract construction in October this year than a year ago, with a gain of 100 over the September figure. Normally October brings receding employment totals in construction, but a heavy schedule of state-wide construction contracts coupled with favorable weather pushed employment upward. Shortages of some skilled building craftsmen existed during the month.

NORMAL SEASONAL PRESSURES BEGIN TO CUT  
INTO EMPLOYMENT TOTALS AS OCTOBER ENDS

Reflecting seasonal aspects of some phases of Montana industry, employment totals started the downward trend as the month ended. Biggest losses occurred in the trade and service industries as the tourist season ended and resort areas were closed for the season; each of these major groups were down 1,500 from the previous month. Total service industries, however, were up 400 from the comparable period last year, but total trade was down 1,200 for the same period. Contract construction employment totals, normally controlled by weather conditions at this time of year, showed a gain of 100 over September, and 1,800 over October of last year. Gains in this industrial group, although substantial, were not of sufficient volume to overshadow seasonal losses in other major industry groups. Impact of increased employment totals in the metal mining industry will show its effect on future reports. Eliminating seasonal industries, accountable for the major portion of employment decline, labor demand during the month in the usually stable industrial groups was only slightly below that of the busy mid-summer months and compares favorably with October of previous years.

## UCC Claims 1,000 Less Than Last Year

Despite normal seasonal layoffs and start of a new federal program effective October 27, 1958, extending unemployment insurance coverage to ex-servicemen, Montanans claiming unemployment compensation benefits for the week ending November 7, 1958 were 975 less than the comparable period last year. Recall of workers to metal mining, high levels of employment in contract construction, lumbering and logging, and manufacturing joined in reducing unemployment compensation claim totals. Women comprise one-third of the State's total claim load, with a good portion of weekly claim increases this time of the year attributed to women who work seasonally in trade and service industries in national parks and other resort areas and who claim benefits as permitted by state law when these activities end for the season.

## Work-Applicant Count in Review

	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951
January .....	21,533	14,792	12,676	12,887	12,270	10,616	10,370	11,685
March .....	23,394	14,930	12,663	11,979	11,075	9,323	9,392	10,844
May .....	15,233	9,032	5,105	5,565	6,191	4,324	3,276	4,312
July .....	11,784	6,419	3,807	4,628	4,283	3,249	2,191	3,260
September .....	8,065	6,328	2,889	2,781	3,782	2,288	1,388	2,304
November* ..	9,100	12,564	6,453	6,968	5,619	5,048	4,135	4,341

\*Estimated

## Tourist Trade—Big Seasonal Factor

An October deficit of 3,000 workers in the combined trade and service industries brings to sharp realization the impact of seasonality pressures on employment totals in those industries which serve the tourist trade. The annual pattern is the same: Spring brings the influx and Fall the exodus and in between direct benefits of increased customers accrue to hotels, motels, camps, cafes and bars, and service stations and garages. Employment in the trade and service industries is keyed to the volume of tourism—starting in May and declining sharply in October affecting chiefly sales clerks, cooks and waitresses, fountain and drive-in help, service station attendants, bartenders, hotel and resort clerks, and maids.

## Highway Contract Awards Continue

Current highway contracts and new awards show good promise for high level employment in road and bridge construction. Work is expected to continue but volume will be lessened as weather conditions worsen. During October, 1,425 men were em-

ployed in this activity, with six projects completed during the month. Good to fair progress was reported on the remaining projects. In late October, eight more contracts were awarded, six subject to right-of-way clearance, four were withdrawn due to right-of-way difficulties, and a court injunction prevented the Highway Commission from opening bids on three others.

## Some Construction Near Completion

Seasonal employment peaks at airbases in Great Falls and Glasgow and Noxon Rapids Dam project near Thompson Falls started to decline as some contracts were completed. Noxon Dam employment figures dropped to 548, down 250 from September's high with some idled workers absorbed in other construction in the area. State-wide, contractors on a variety of building projects were pushing outside work toward completion as moderate weather remained. Inside work on enclosed structures should carry through the winter months keeping employed a good number of building craftsmen.

## Along the Hiring Line— Field Summary, Nov. 1

**ANACONDA, Deer Lodge, Philipsburg**—(305 jobseekers, 109 new; 193 men, 112 women). Increased smelter hiring as zinc concentrator repaired after several months breakdown. Employment stable with most openings filled by reshuffling plant personnel as needed. Construction projects on schedule and fully staffed. Potato harvest completed with other agricultural activities limited at present.

**Billings, Columbus, Hardin, Hysham, Laurel, Red Lodge, Roundup**—(1,193 jobseekers 558 new; 679 men, 514 women). Good volume of building construction in form of commercial structures, schools and churches. 95 men employed on highway overpass and cloverleaf intersection west of Billings. Construction start on shopping center delayed until spring. Spurt of railroad construction activity noted with 30 men recalled for rapping track. Wholesale and retail trade made good advances with heavy promotion and easy credit plans. Sugar beet harvest 99 per cent completed with factory to run another 67 days. Labor supply adequate to fill all anticipated needs.

**BOZEMAN, Ennis, Three Forks, Trident**—(401 jobseekers, 191 new; 267 men, 134 women). Shortage of experienced timber fallers as lumbering on full scale operations to build log stock pile for winter mill supply. Satisfactory progress on State College building program, including women's residence hall, green house, office and classroom building. Trident cement plant to operate with reduced staff during winter months. Agricultural activity slowed as most major operations completed. Labor supply adequate.

**BUTTE, Virginia City, Whitehall**—(1,644 jobseekers, 272 new; 1,178 men, 466 women). Return of approximately 650 miners to employment highlighted the Butte labor picture with continued hiring seen if prices and demand for copper are maintained or strengthened. Building and highway projects on limited scale with no new contracts in sight. Upsurge in mining stimulated railroad employment as ore transportation activity built to meet new demands. 400 Butte area workers returned as apple and potato harvest in western Montana completed. Labor supply sufficient to meet current demands.

**CUT BANK**—(190 jobseekers, 72 new; 117 men, 73 women). Increased oil drilling activity occupies all experienced drillers and field workers. Radar base housing project 75 per cent completed. Other construction limited to remodeling jobs and some housing starts. Farm hiring down as grain harvest completed.

**DILLON**—(137 jobseekers, 63 new; 101 men, 36 women). 15 workmen employed on start of quarter million dollar dial telephone

## LABOR MARKET INDICATORS

Employment—	1958 Oct.	1958 Sept.	1957 Oct.	1950-1957 Oct. Avg.
Industrial Employment	168,200	170,800	170,000	160,700
New Job Applicants	3,619	3,637	3,844	2,648
Job Applicants, End of Month	8,586	8,065	8,041	3,726
Insured Unemployment, Week of	Nov. 7 1958	Oct. 10 1958	Nov. 8 1957	Avg. 1st Oct. Wk. 1950-1957
New and Renewal Claims	1,183	811	1,403	625
Unemployed Weeks Filed	4,307	3,728	5,062	1,638
Total Unemployment Claims	5,490	4,539	6,465	2,263

building. College dormitory building 15 per cent completed with 16 employed on project. 12 miners engaged in drilling for samples of iron ore. Work began on city street oiling project; approximately four miles. 30 idled when mountain mine closed by heavy snows. Construction starts include 10 new homes; 30 employed.

**GLASGOW, Fort Peck, Malta, Opheim**—(119 jobseekers, 99 new; 63 men, 56 women). Airbase employees 1,176, 125 less than past month. Season employment peak past with some construction layoffs. Start of land leveling for 77 unit housing addition begun; progress of construction depends on weather. Agricultural activity holds steady; movement of hay and winter feeds expected to increase during the month.

**GLENDIVE, Circle, Wibaux**—(104 jobseekers, 82 new; 61 men, 43 women). Oil field activity and related trucking less than last year but expected to remain stable with little turn over. Construction includes good volume of home building and small city and state improvement projects, highway bridges, sewer project, service stations and grain elevator addition. Retail and wholesale trade normal for this time of year. Farm work lessened as major activities completed.

**GREAT FALLS, Choteau, Fort Benton, Stanford**—(910 jobseekers, 489 new; 469 men, 441 women). Good advances shown in wholesale and retail trade during the month. Service workers laid off as seasonal drive-in establishments and other resort facilities closed for the winter. Completion of some airbase projects created surplus of construction laborers and carpenters, with most placed on other building projects. 120 new homes under construction. Work started on \$1,750,000 convalescent home and \$75,000 improvement to city water system. Favorable weather aided agricultural work and brought good crop yields.

**HAMILTON, Stevensville**—(181 jobseekers, 40 new; 125 men, 56 women). Apple and potato harvest completed during month with packing operations delayed until prices improve. Seasonal crews working Christmas tree harvest and some at sugar refinery at Missoula. Burned sawmill and Darby mine closure idled some workers. Construction at good level; expected to continue if weather favorable.

**HAVRE, Chinook, Harlem**—(181 jobseekers, 89 new; 104 men, 77 women). Non-agricultural employment outlook good depending on weather. Work on \$200,000 telephone project delayed temporarily, but 25 additional workers added to project. Stimulation of wholesale and retail trade seen as holiday buying season approaches. Most major farm activity completed with future outlook unsettled.

**HELENA, Boulder, Garrison, Townsend, White Sulphur Springs**—(504 jobseekers, 325 new; 337 men, 167 women). Layoff of service workers as tourist season neared close offset by good showing in wholesale and retail trades. Continuing increases evident as holiday buying season begins. Progress on main construction projects, including new bank building and high residential building. Surplus of unskilled workers and service occupations classifications. Farm labor demand decreasing and lower than year ago.

**KALISPELL, Columbia Falls, Eureka, Libby, Whitefish**—(689 jobseekers, 332 new; 412 men, 277 women). Start of Christmas tree harvest, stability in the lumbering business and increased activity in contract construction provided good area employment picture. Logging activity increased with additional fallers, heavy equipment operators and laborers hired. Opening of new shopping center employed 10 sales personnel. Industrial and commercial construction below par. Christmas tree harvest affected by some blight in fir tree species.

**LEWISTOWN, Harlowton, Ryegate, Winnett**—(112 jobseekers, 52 new; 81 men, 31 women). Snow and cold weather affected construction jobs and other outside projects. Local labor supply and demand in balance except for some technical openings. Workers returning to area after completion of work in other areas in and out of the state. Farm hiring down from last month but over last year.

**LIVINGSTON, Big Timber**—(200 jobseekers, 128 new; 94 men, 106 women). Construction steady on variety of building projects including bridges, commercial buildings and homes. Lumbering and logging working full force to build up winter supply of logs for mill use. Railroad employment

## NINE YEARS OF MONTANA INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT TOTALS, BY MONTHS (in Thousands)

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Aver.
1950 .....	133.2	132.2	135.2	142.1	147.3	153.6	154.9	157.1	156.8	152.2	150.7	148.8	147.0
1951 .....	141.9	139.4	140.3	145.9	149.4	154.1	153.5	154.6	154.3	152.4	151.7	150.6	149.0
1952 .....	140.5	140.7	143.0	149.7	154.8	159.9	159.5	161.2	160.4	157.9	156.0	154.9	153.2
1953 .....	145.8	144.5	146.3	149.7	153.1	158.0	158.5	160.6	160.3	159.6	157.6	156.4	154.2
1954 .....	146.7	145.5	147.2	151.1	155.7	161.6	164.1	165.4	154.8	153.9	158.2	155.7	155.0
1955 .....	148.4	146.8	147.4	153.4	158.4	166.8	168.2	170.4	169.8	165.9	162.4	160.3	159.8
1956 .....	154.3	152.1	154.2	160.7	167.0	175.0	175.7	177.5	176.9	173.6	167.9	165.2	166.7
1957 .....	159.0	157.8	158.6	163.0	168.6	174.8	176.9	176.8	175.2	170.0	165.4	161.1	167.3
1958 .....	151.6	151.1	151.7	157.4	163.5	169.6	170.4	171.8	170.8	168.2			

## Along the Hiring Line— Field Summary, Nov. 1

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steady with experienced machinists in demand. Seasonal layoffs in Yellowstone Park facilities completed as tourist season ended.

**MILES CITY, Baker, Ekalaka, Broadus, Forsyth, Jordan, Terry**—(166 jobseekers, 125 new; 109 men, 57 women). No appreciable change in labor market picture. Snow and cold weather affected both agricultural and non-agricultural activities. Radar base housing near the finished stage. Wet fields delayed farm work.

**MISSOULA, Drummond, Arlee, Superior**—(814 jobseekers, 285 new; 454 men, 360 women). Christmas tree harvest started with good progress maintained. Some experienced workers expected to be in short supply. Sugar refinery operations began October 4 to continue until December 1, two weeks longer than usual as result of excellent beet acreage. Lumbering and logging have high employment levels despite several burned out sawmills.

**POLSON**—(130 jobseekers, 46 new; 89 men, 41 women). Christmas tree industry engages 400 in cutting, sorting and baling. Some blight noted on area trees. Apple and potato harvest workers transferred to Christmas tree activities. New planer mill employs 50 with expected force expansion to 200 by early spring. Local building construction occupies approximately 70 craftsmen.

**SHELBY, Chester, Conrad**—(174 jobseekers, 67 new; 113 men, 61 women). Oil production activity increased during past few weeks with new hires noted. Start of construction clover-leaf highway interchange bogged down by right-of-way delays. Contract construction greater than last year; includes home building, grain storage facilities and general remodeling jobs. Farm activities include rock picking, fencing and fall plowing. Labor supply in balance.

**SIDNEY, (56 jobseekers, 60 new; 31 men, 25 women).** New home construction at peak with 17 current building projects nearing completion, including soft drink bottling plant, grain elevator and motel addition. Mild increase in area oil drilling during month, with some previously drilled wells being worked over and brought into production. Ideal weather continues, aided sugar beet harvest and contributed to excellent yields.

**THOMPSON FALLS, Hot Springs**—(177 jobseekers, 55 new; 140 men, 37 women). Employment level at Noxon Rapids Dam project declined as some phases of work completed; current total below 600. Road and bridge work approaches to Dam site continuing as weather permits. Lumbering and logging at peak production and Christmas tree cutting started. Farm work limited to routine repair of farm buildings, farm machinery and fence repair. Winter wheat shows good growth.

**WOLF POINT, Plentywood, Scobey**—(199 jobseekers, 80 new; 134 men, 65 women). Oil drilling and exploration gained momentum with drilling rigs at Poplar and Wolf Point and one exploration crew at Plentywood. Increased home building along with new construction starts created some temporary shortages of carpenters during October. Start of holiday buying season provided sales clerk openings and good encouragement for continued advances.

## ESTIMATED EMPLOYMENT IN NON-AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES IN MONTANA (1)

(Compiled in co-operation with United States Bureau of Labor Statistics)

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			Net Change	
	Oct. 1958 (2)	Sept. 1958 (3)	Oct. 1957	Sept. '58 to Oct. '58	Oct. '57 to Oct. '58
<b>NON-AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES</b>	168,200	170,800	170,000	-2,600	-1,800
<b>Manufacturing</b>	21,700	21,200	22,000	500	- 300
Durable goods	13,300	13,800	13,700	- 500	- 400
Lumber and timber products	8,000	8,400	7,900	- 400	100
Primary metals	4,100	4,200	4,500	- 100	- 400
Other (4)	1,200	1,200	1,300	00	- 100
Nondurable goods	8,400	7,400	8,300	1,000	100
Food and kindred products	4,500	3,500	4,600	1,000	- 100
Printing and publishing	1,700	1,700	1,600	00	100
Petroleum refining	1,200	1,200	1,100	00	100
Other (5)	1,000	1,000	1,000	00	00
<b>Mining</b>	8,900	8,800	9,700	100	- 800
Metal mining	4,900	4,900	5,900	00	-1,000
Coal, quarrying and nonmetallic	1,000	900	1,000	100	00
Petroleum-natural gas production	3,000	3,000	2,800	00	200
<b>Contract Construction</b>	15,900	15,800	14,100	100	1,800
Contractors, building construction	5,300	5,000	5,100	300	200
Contractors, other than building	6,600	7,000	4,200	- 400	2,400
Contractors, special trade	4,000	3,800	4,800	200	- 800
<b>Transportation and utilities</b>	19,100	19,300	21,400	- 200	-2,300
Interstate railroads	10,300	10,400	11,600	- 100	-1,300
Transportation except railroads	3,500	3,500	3,900	00	- 400
Utilities including communication	5,300	5,400	5,900	- 100	- 600
<b>Trade</b>	40,900	42,400	42,100	-1,500	-1,200
Wholesale trade	9,100	9,200	9,700	- 100	- 600
Retail trade	31,800	33,200	32,400	-1,400	- 600
General merchandise and apparel	5,700	5,800	5,900	- 100	- 200
Food stores	4,800	4,900	4,800	- 100	00
Eating and drinking establishments	8,700	9,500	8,500	- 800	200
Automotive and filling stations	6,400	6,600	6,500	- 200	- 100
Retail trade not elsewhere classified	6,200	6,400	6,700	- 200	- 500
<b>Finance, insurance and real estate</b>	6,000	6,000	5,900	00	100
<b>Services and miscellaneous</b>	22,500	24,000	22,100	-1,500	400
Hotels, rooming houses, camps, etc.	3,200	4,300	3,100	-1,100	100
Personal services	2,700	2,700	2,600	00	100
Other (6)	16,600	17,000	16,400	- 400	200
<b>Government</b>	33,200	33,300	32,700	- 100	500
Federal	7,500	8,000	7,900	- 500	- 400
State and local	25,700	25,300	24,800	400	900
<b>Great Falls Area (Cascade County)</b>	20,700	21,200	20,700	- 500	00
Manufacturing	2,700	2,700	2,900	00	- 200
Contract construction	2,300	2,600	2,200	- 300	100
Transportation and utilities	2,100	2,200	2,400	- 100	- 300
Trade, wholesale and retail	6,700	6,700	6,500	00	200
Services and miscellaneous (7)	4,300	4,400	4,200	- 100	100
Government	2,600	2,600	2,500	00	100

- (1) Estimates include all full and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period ending nearest the 15th of the month. Proprietors, firm members, personnel of the armed forces, domestic servants, and self-employed persons are excluded.
- (2) Preliminary estimates based on return from samples of 652 selected Montana establishments.
- (3) Figures Previously released have been revised on return from 1027 such establishments.
- (4) Includes fabricated metal products, machinery except electrical, furniture, stone and clay products.
- (5) Includes apparel, chemicals, and miscellaneous manufacturing products.
- (6) Includes commercial trade schools, auto repair services and garages, miscellaneous repair services and hand trades, motion pictures, amusements and recreation, medical and health, law offices and professional services, non-profit membership organizations and businesses not otherwise classified.
- (7) Same as (6) above, also includes finance, real estate and mining.

## COMPARISON OF BASIC LABOR MARKET ACTIVITIES IN OCTOBER, 1958 AND OCTOBER, 1957

Employment Service Office	New Job Applicants				Jobseekers in File				Job Placements								U. I. Claims	
	Oct. 1958		Oct. 1957		Oct. 1958		Oct. 1957		Oct. 1957				Oct. 1958				Wk. 11-8	
	Tot.	Vet.	Tot.	Vet.	Tot.	Vet.	Tot.	Vet.	Ind.	Ag.	Tot.	Vet.	Ind.	Ag.	Tot.	Vet.	1958	1957
Anaconda.....	149	30	89	26	305	76	244	82	30	535	565	99	22	297	319	86	253	166
Billings.....	558	146	558	162	1,193	334	947	241	510	309	819	354	405	274	679	277	615	642
Bozeman.....	191	47	197	55	401	111	323	70	173	209	382	87	177	527	704	89	103	86
Butte.....	272	69	524	157	1,644	531	1,757	642	143	3	146	55	109	23	132	40	1,057	1,430
Cut Bank.....	72	32	81	37	190	77	144	59	86	37	123	63	71	20	91	42	127	111
Dillon.....	63	25	74	30	137	47	132	38	38	64	102	59	44	63	107	51	89	97
Glasgow.....	99	38	62	19	119	25	83	14	159	19	178	75	165	18	183	49	123	119
Glendive.....	82	18	104	39	104	24	99	23	72	42	114	34	94	77	171	75	63	53
Great Falls.....	489	86	490	157	910	205	1,029	356	343	192	535	176	249	184	433	152	569	895
Hamilton.....	40	12	55	26	181	49	167	50	77	246	323	62	45	232	277	38	84	103
Havre.....	89	28	110	36	181	52	137	55	157	88	245	86	157	71	228	99	180	167
Helena.....	325	92	250	94	504	144	336	113	111	30	141	63	109	61	170	84	296	233
Kalispell.....	332	88	241	60	689	155	792	217	232	31	263	76	231	41	272	102	590	657
Lewistown.....	52	20	78	27	112	49	134	43	63	38	101	53	61	27	88	34	79	111
Livingston.....	128	20	110	25	200	32	190	52	84	15	99	31	66	14	80	30	191	225
Miles City.....	125	24	86	30	166	35	102	30	100	51	151	45	107	43	150	62	97	106
Missoula.....	285	71	386	113	814	212	782	243	204	50	254	116	194	32	226	115	446	537
Polson.....	46	11	74	16	130	36	231	84	107	101	208	91	96	70	166	41	116	234
Shelby.....	67	20	75	27	174	40	115	31	92	51	143	73	131	34	165	88	120	144
Sidney.....	60	28	61	8	56	11	57	10	84	42	126	52	46	37	83	24	64	44
Thomp. Falls.....	55	22	73	35	177	53	150	51	25	—	25	10	53	4	57	15	98	201
Wolf Point.....	80	23	66	20	199	52	90	36	49	43	92	31	55	85	140	66	130	104
TOTALS.....	3,619	950	3,844	1,199	8,586	2,350	8,041	2,548	2,939	2,196	5,135	1,791	2,687	2,234	4,921	1,659	5,490	6,465

\*Include 97 claims of the Federal Employees UC Program, 136 same a year ago.

## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN SELECTED MONTANA INDUSTRIES

(Produced in co-operation with United States Bureau of Labor Statistics)  
(Hours and earnings data exclude administrative and salaried personnel)

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. (1) 1958	Sept. (2) 1958	Oct. 1957	Oct. (1) 1958	Sept. (2) 1958	Oct. 1957	Oct. (1) 1958	Sept. (2) 1958	Oct. 1957
All Manufacturing.....	\$95.05	\$95.32	\$85.39	41.7	40.9	39.3	\$2.28	\$2.33	\$2.17
Durable goods.....	90.96	91.41	83.84	40.4	40.5	38.5	2.25	2.26	2.18
Primary metals.....	91.10	90.96	89.36	38.6	38.6	39.2	2.36	2.36	2.28
Nondurable goods.....	102.49	102.61	88.21	44.6	41.7	40.8	2.30	2.46	2.16
Food and kindred products.....	90.03	86.96	76.72	46.7	43.1	43.1	1.93	2.02	1.78
All Mining.....	95.49	95.15	97.64	37.6	37.3	38.9	2.54	2.55	2.51
Metal mining.....	92.72	92.83	93.96	38.0	38.0	38.5	2.44	2.44	2.44
Transportation and Utilities (except railrds.).....	90.35	88.08	94.66						
Transportation (except railroads).....	98.13	94.84	116.16						
Utilities and communication.....	86.95	85.13	84.21	40.8	39.8	40.9	2.13	2.14	2.06

(1) Preliminary estimates. (2) Figures previously released have been revised on more complete returns.

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